

REPORT

OF THE VARIOUS

BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON,

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 5, 1883.

MILFORD, MASS.:
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Treasurer's Report.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the town of Mendon for the municipal year ending March 5, 1883, respectfully submits the following report of his doings for the consideration of the town.

The Treasurer *debts* himself with the following items, viz :

1. To assets in his hands at last report March 6, 1882, as follows, viz :			
Deposit in Milford National Bank.....	\$	881	00
“ Home National Bank.....		1723	55
Cash in hand.....		1	31
		<hr/>	\$2605 86
2. To amount borrowed on bonds, viz :			
Of D. O. Aldrich at 5 per cent., 3 yrs...	\$	500	00
S. Moffett “ “ 4 yrs...		300	00
Austin Wood “ “ 4 yrs...		700	00
A. C. Thompson “ “ 4 yrs...		600	00
		<hr/>	\$2100 00
3. To amount borrowed on notes, viz :			
Of Wm. H. Aldrich on demand.....	\$	500	00
J. A. George on demand.....		500	00
		<hr/>	\$1000 00
4. To amount received of Liberty Freeman, collector, viz :			
June 16, 1882, tax of 1881.....	\$	44	12
August 5, “ “		50	00
Aug. 25, “ “ 1882.....		775	00
Sept. 2, “ “		371	00
Sept. 9, “ “		2300	00
Oct. 21, “ “		1000	00
Nov. 8, “ “		461	23
Dec. 5, “ “		535	00
Jan. 6, 1883, “ “		390	00
Jan. 24, “ “		605	00
Feb. 17, “ “		404	24
Feb. 17, “ “		20	00
		<hr/>	\$6955 59

5. To amount from Miscellaneous sources, viz :

Balance corp. tax and State aid for 1881.	\$46 99	
Annals sold by J. A. George.....	302 68	
Rent of pond, D. Russell.....	50 00	
Pedler's license, E. A. Willard.....	6 00	
Annals sold, Committee on Annals.....	43 34	
Auctioneer's license, S. W. Cook.....	2 00	
Grass about Town hall, M. Thayer.....	50	
Out of town scholars, M. U. George....	25 00	
Corporation tax.....	\$282 64	
National Bank tax.....	431 91	
State aid.....	108 00	
Indigent soldiers.....	102 86	
		925 41
Dividend of dog tax.....	93 76	
Dividend State school fund.....	219 85	
Library catalogue sold.....	75	
Committee on Annals, cash on sales.....	12 75	
Martin Thayer, net income of Town Hall	6 13	
L. P. Cummings, grass at tramp-house..	50	1735 66
		<hr/> \$14,397 11

The Treasurer *credits* himself with the following items, viz :

1. By payment of bonds, viz :

D. O. Aldrich's bond No. 87.....	\$500 00	
Sarah Moffett's " " 90.....	300 00	
Austin Wood's " " 83.....	700 00	
Z. G. Wood's " " 88.....	500 00	
Lovina Forbush's " " 91.....	1000 00	
A. C. Thompson " " 92.....	600 00	
		<hr/> \$3,600 00

2. By payment of notes, viz :

Julius A. George.....	\$800 00	
Julius A. George.....	500 00	
William H. Aldrich.....	500 00	
		<hr/> \$1800 00

3. By payment of interest on bonds and notes, viz :.....

J. A. George's note of Nov. 11, 1880....	\$40 55	
Sarah Metcalf on bond coupon 94.....	15 00	
Ellen Quigley " " 100.....	25 00	
D. O. Aldrich " " 87.....	25 00	
S. Moffett " " 90.....	15 00	
J. A. George " " 99.....	100 00	
Austin Wood " " 103.....	35 00	

Austin Wood note.....	12 50
John S. Gaskill bond coupon 96	50 00
John G. Metcalf int. 2 notes.....	25 00
Julius A. George bond 97.....	50 00
N. R. George int. on note.....	67 50
Z. G. Wood bond 2 cou. No. 88.....	50 00
L. Forbush " coupon " 91.....	50 00
A. C. Thompson coup. " 92.....	30 00
A. C. Thompson int. on note.....	3 50
Julius A. George " "	15 00
W. H. Aldrich " "	13 52

\$622 57

4. By abatement of taxes, viz.:

Marcus M. Aldrich.....	\$ 53
H. O. Steward.....	1 05
Charles Anthony.....	2 00
George Bullen.....	1 95
Hugh Crawford.....	5 26
J. H. Channell.....	2 00
Reuben A. Greene.....	2 63
Nahum Gould.....	2 00
Luther Holbrook.....	2 00
Estate of Edward Kirby.....	3 67
Joseph Lovell.....	2 00
Henry Moore.....	2 87
John H. Miskill.....	2 00
George Miner.....	2 00
George Newton.....	2 00
Henry H. Parkhurst.....	2 00
Gustavus A. Staples.....	3 91
Martin Thayer....	2 10
Andrew J. Taft.....	2 00
Addison P. Thayer.....	2 00
George Wilber, poll, his son.....	2 00
Orson R. Wheelock.....	2 00
John Wescott.....	2 00
Mary Wallace.....	2 10

\$54 07

5. By taxes paid, viz:

State tax.....	\$740 00
County tax.....	493 00

\$1233 00

6. By paying 145 town orders.....

5224 38

\$12,534.02

7. By deposit Home National Band.....	743.72
“ “ Milford “ “	702.60
“ cash in hand to balance.....	416.77
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	\$14,397.11

BONDS OUTSTANDING MARCH 6, 1882.

Ann Quigley.....	\$ 500 00
Austin Wood.....	700 00
Julius A. George.....	2000 00
D. O. Aldrich.....	500 00
Z. G. Wood.....	500 00
J. S. Gaskill.....	1000 00
Sarah Moffett.....	300 00
Lovina Forbush.....	1000 00
A. C. Thompson	600 00
Sarah Metcalf.....	300 00
Julius A. George.....	1000 00
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Amount	\$8400 00

BONDS OUTSTANDING MARCH 5, 1883.

John S. Gaskill,	due June 1, 1883,	No. 96....	\$1000 00
Sarah Metcalf,	“ “ 1884,	“ 94....	300 00
Julius A. George,	“ “ “	“ 99....	2000 00
Ann Quigley,	“ “ “	“ 100....	500 00
Julius A. George,	“ Aug. 21, “	“ 93....	1000 00
D. O. Aldrich,	“ June 5, 1885,	“ 101....	500 00
Saran Moffett	“ June 1, 1886,	“ 102....	300 00
Austin Wood,	“ “ “	“ 103....	700 00
A. C. Thompson,	“ Feb. 8, 1887,	“ 104....	600 00
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Amount.....			\$6900 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING MARCH 6, 1882.

Almira C. Thompson's, dated March 16, 1877.....	\$ 70 00
N. R. George's, dated March 28, 1879.....	1500 00
J. G. Metcalf's, dated July 3, 1876.....	300 00
J. G. Metcalf's, dated May 8, 1878.....	200 00
Austin Wood's, dated May 28, 1879.....	250 00
Julius A. George's, dated Nov. 11, 1880.....	800 00
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Amount.....	\$3120 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING MARCH 5, 1883.

A. C. Thompson's.....	\$ 70 00
N. R. George's.....	1500 00
J. G. Metcalf's.....	300 00
“.....	200 00
Austin Wood's.....	250 00
Amount.....	<u>\$2320 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Bonded debt March 6, 1882.....	\$8400 00
“ “ “ 5, 1883.....	6900 00
Reduction on bonded debt in 1883.....	<u>\$1500 00</u>
Floating debt March 6, 1882.....	\$3120 00
“ “ “ 5, 1883.....	2320 00
Reduction of floating debt in 1883.....	<u>\$800 00</u>
Total reduction of bonded and floating debt, \$2300 00.	

As will be seen by the table of outstanding bonds that one of \$1000 will become due the current year, and it is recommended that an appropriation be made for its redemption.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. METCALF, Treasurer.

Mendon, Feb. 21, 1883.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 5, 1883:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Andrew W. Judson, guardian, for real estate of Mary Hayward	\$ 54 00
Andrew W. Judson, guardian, for real estate of Olive Hayward	229 00
Bartlett & Ellis, repairs of stove pipe for Record Rooms	1 50
Samuel H. Taft, Treas., appropriation for Taft Library	150 00
A. W. Judson, registering scholars, repairs of tables, etc., in hall	3 55
J. M. Newhall, painting blackboards	2 00
A. W. Gaskill, fuel for Record Rooms	5 00
A. W. Judson, returning 25 deaths	6 25
Nathan Towne, kerosene for Record rooms	1 25
D. Adams, sundry charges and cash paid	20 21
D. Adams, storage of fire extinguisher	12 00
D. Adams, school books furnished scholars	22 53
A. W. Gaskill, repair of wall near Record Rooms	4 40
G. B. Williams, cash paid	4 96
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	\$516 65

REPAIRS OF TOWN HALL.

E. F. King & Co., painting stock	\$ 65 78
J. M. Newhall, outside painting hall and fence	56 70
A. W. Judson, carpenter work	4 78
J. M. Newhall, inside painting and papering	26 81
Field Brothers, lumber	7 80
A. W. Gaskill, materials and carting	3 29
J. Barry, blacksmith work	2 50
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	\$167 66

PRINTING.

Cook & Sons, town reports and ballots.....	\$ 32 50
“ blank warrants.....	7 00
King & Billings, diplomas for schools.....	6 50
Geo. W. Stacy, school committee reports.....	30 00
“ collector's notices and bills.....	3 50
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	\$79 50

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Wm. W. Nelson, repairs and supplies for No. 1.....	\$ 12 88
George Rawson and Mrs. Rawson, use of well for No. 2 and High school.....	7 00
Jas. M. Newhall, painting blackboards for No. 2.....	2 00
A. W. Judson, repairs for No. 2, (2 bills).....	4 00
N. Towne, supplies for No. 2.....	1 25
L. C. Cook, “ No. 3.....	58
J. C. Wood, “ No. 5.....	75
S. H. Taft, “ No. 6.....	2 32
H. A. Aldrich, crayons for the schools.....	5 25
School committee for out-buildings for Center schools..	48 67
“ “ cyclopedia for High school.....	15 00
M. U. George, supplies for High school.....	6 52
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	\$106 22

TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Martin Thayer, services as constable.....	\$15 00
Martin Thayer “ “ lockup keeper.....	5 00
George F. Clark, salary as supt. schools 1881-2.....	75 00
Liberty Freeman, services collecting taxes 1881.....	50 00
A. W. Judson, assessing taxes of 1882.....	35 00
Austin Wood, assessing taxes of 1881 and 1882.....	60 00
Edward S. Worthen, assessing taxes of 1882.....	35 00
John G. Metcalf, services as Treasurer.....	35 00
Martin Thayer, “ “ Constable.....	15 00
Martin Thayer, “ “ lockup keeper.....	5 00
G. B. Williams, “ “ Selectman.....	38 00
A. W. Gaskill, “ “ “	15 00
L. Freeman, “ “ “	12 00
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	\$395.00

STATE AID PAID PENSIONERS—CHAP. 301, ACTS 1879.

John Curley.....	\$48 00
Abigail Mitchell.....	48 00
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	\$96 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS—CHAP. 252, ACTS 1879.

Dexter Inman.....	\$6 00
James McKenna.....	8 86
Frank A. Weatherhead.....	27 78
Michael Grady.....	82 00
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	\$124.64

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

Mary E. Johnson, old bill.....	\$63 00
Mary L. Taft, 3 bills.....	178 00
Wm. W. Nelson, fuel and fitting.....	19 50
Wm. W. Nelson, cleaning room.....	2 00
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	\$262 50

No. 2.

PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR.

Mary E. Dudley, 3 bills.....	\$178 00
Isabel C. Cook, 3 bills.....	178 00
L. Moores, cleaning rooms.....	1 50
William W. Nelson, fuel.....	15 00
Jonathan Pickering, sawing wood, etc., 2 bills.....	6 00
Moses U. Gaskill, care of fires.....	6 00
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	\$384 50

No. 3.

Geneive E. Tyler, teaching, 3 bills.....	\$140 00
Geneive E. Tyler, care of fires.....	2 00
Lowell C. Cook, fuel and fitting.....	15 65
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	\$157 65

No. 4.

Cora E. Gaskill, teaching, 3 bills.....	\$178 00
Frederick Bates, fuel and fitting, 2 bills.....	10 10
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	\$188 10

No. 5.

Sarah J. Stoddard, teaching, 2 bills.....	\$100 00
Annie W. Gaskill, "	40 00
John C. Wood, fuel and fitting.....	3 75
John C. Wood, care of fires.....	1 00

 \$144 75

No. 6.

W. F. Hayward, teaching..	\$ 60 00
Dora Taft, " 2 bills.....	118 00
Samuel H. Taft, fuel and fitting.....	9 75
" " care of fires.....	3 00

 \$190 75

HIGH SCHOOL.

John C. Worcester, teaching, old bill.....	\$165 00
Walter S. Bosworth, teaching.....	165 00

 \$330 00

FUEL FOR TOWN HALL AND HIGH SCHOOL.

Barney & Son, coal.....	\$ 7 00
L. A. Cook. coal.....	44 48

 \$51 48

OLD ROAD BILLS.

District No. 1, E. H. Taft, clearing road from snow...	\$ 10 66
No. 2, D. W. Bennett, " " ...	13 02
No. 3, E. A. Bates, " " ...	2 00
No. 5, W. Gould, " " ...	1 87
No. 6, P. Wood, " " ...	5 16
No. 9, S. H. Taft, " " ...	3 97
No. 11, E. Hill, " " ...	20 50
No. 2, D. W. Bennett, repairs of roads.....	2 00
No. 8, J. R. Hayward, " "	1 25

 \$60 43

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES, CURRENT YEAR.

Paid Road Commissioners by seven town orders drawn at different times in their favor.....	\$1000 00
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor by seven town orders drawn at
different times in their favor..... \$965 00

RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals	\$516 65
Town Hall.....	167 66
Printing.....	79 50
Repairs of schoolhouses and supplies.....	106 22
Town Officers.....	395 00
State Aid to Pensioners.....	96 00
Aid to Indigent Soldiers.....	124 61
Support of Common Schools.....	1328 25
High School.....	330 00
Fuel for Town Hall.....	51 48
Roads and Bridges.....	1060 43
Support of Poor.....	965 00
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	\$5220 83

The Selectmen also report that the liabilities of the town, known to them, are as follows :

Due on bills against the town.....	\$ 9 00
Due town officers, estimated.....	140 00
Due school teachers.....	165 00
Town notes outstanding.....	2,320 00
Town bonds.....	6,900 00
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	\$9,534 00

The available assets, so far as known, are as follows :

Due from collector on list of 1882.....	\$ 46 34
Due from State, aid to pensioners one year, to Jan. 1, 1883.....	96 00
Due from State, aid to indigent soldiers one year, to Jan. 1, 1883.....	84 62
Cash in hands of Treasurer and on deposit..	1,863 09
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	\$2,090 05

Net indebtedness of town.....	\$7,443 95
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Respectfully submitted.

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

Mendon, Feb. 21, 1883.

Collector's Report.

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1881.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 20, 1882.....	\$90 16
Interest received.....	3 96
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	\$94 12

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$94 12
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LIBERTY FREEMAN COLLECTOR FOR 1882.

DR.

Taxes committed for collection.....	\$6824 49
Additional assessments.....	49 18
Interest received.....	34 14
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	\$6907 81

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$6807 40
Abatements.....	54 07
Deposit in Home Bank Milford.....	17 00
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	\$6878 47

Balance uncollected Feb. 21, 1883.....	\$29 34
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Report of Road Commissioners.

The undersigned. Road Commissioners, respectfully submit the following report for the municipal year, ending March 5, 1883.

The Road Commissioners charge themselves with Town orders drawn to the amount of \$1,000.

They are at themselves by paying the following bills:

Edward H. Taft, bill for labor.....	\$ 61 06
Erastus Hill, " "	36 00
Waterman Taft, " "	36 92
Elias T. Bates, " " 2 bills.....	90 00
Albert W. Gaskill, " " 2 "	48 00
" " for spikes and railing for bridge	2 43
Erwin A. Bates, labor and gravel bought, 2 bills.....	93 03
Gilbert Gaskill, bill for labor.....	34 37
Henry E. Staples, " " 2 bills.....	55 00
Davis Hill, " "	50 10
Henry Moore, " "	23 25
Gustavus A. Staples " " 2 bills.....	27 15
W. S. Wilcox, bill for stringers for bridge.....	21 00
Stephen Cook, bill for labor.....	1 35
Wm. S. Hastings, " " 2 bills.....	4 20
O. R. Innian, " "	2 10
Willie E. Cook, " "	4 63
Bartlett & Ellis, scraper.....	7 50
H. P. Butler, labor.....	134 55
Perry Wood, " and gravel bought.....	89 10
Samuel H. Taft, bill for 1434 feet plank.....	33 84
" " " labor.....	66 10
Chas. D. Thayer, " "	7 50
Mason Taft, " "	8 12
O. W. Hill, " "	5 25
Liberty Freeman, " "	3 75
A. A. Southwick, " "	6 15
Luther E. Taft, " "	7 50
W. J. Taft, " "	9 75

\$969 70

Leaving a balance in the hands of Commissioners due the Town of \$30.30.

ELIAS T. BATES,	}	Road Commissioners.
HIRAM P. BUTLER,		
SAMUEL H. TAFT,		

Overseers' Report.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 5, 1883 :

At the commencement of the year, Freeman Miles, Elijah Penniman, Lawrence Wilber and Mary Hayward were receiving a full support. Olive Hayward was also receiving a full support, her guardian agreeing on his part to reimburse the town.

Charles H. Allen, Edna Allen, John Lane and wife, Ebenezer Taft and wife, the families of George P. Tucker and Daniel Cunningham, having a settlement in Meudon, the family of Elkanah Clark belonging to Sharon, and the family of William A. Aldrich belonging to Upton, were receiving partial support.

March 16, 1882. The Overseers contracted with Michael Broughey to board and take care of Freeman Miles, Elijah Penniman, Lawrence Wilber, and any or all who may require a full support, for the year beginning April 1, 1882, for \$2.20 per week for each person so cared for. Also, agreed with James M. Staples to board Charles H. Allen for the sum of (\$25) twenty-five dollars for one year, commencing April 1, 1882. Also, agreed with Nancy L. Huse to board and take care of Edna Allen, for the year ending April 1, 1883, for the sum of (\$1) one dollar per week.

During the year, George W. Brown, Hannah K. Thompson and Joseph H. Wood, having a settlement in Uxbridge, applied for relief, which was granted.

Nov. 11, 1882. Freeman Miles died, and was buried the 12th, at Mendon Center.

Dec. 1, 1882. Henry Moore applied for aid for himself and family, which was granted.

Dec. 23, 1882. Michael Grady died at Milford, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery in that town.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the Town :

Balance from account of last year.....	\$ 6 42
Town of Sharon for support of Clark family.....	11 54
Town of Upton for support of Aldrich family.....	26 10
Town of Uxbridge for support of paupers.....	49 85
Henry E. Staples, grass on town farm.....	12 00
Andrew W. Judson, for aid rendered Olive Hayward..	147 89
Andrew W. Judson " Mary Hayward..	32 15
Seven town orders.....	965 00
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	\$1250 95

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts.

For the support and burial of Freeman Miles.....	\$118 21
" " of Elijah Penniman.....	113 42
" " " Lawrence Wilber.....	120 68
" " " Levi L. Newton.....	8 40
" " " Charles H. Allen.....	32 10
" " " Ebenezer Taft and wife.....	101 00
" " " Geo. P. Tucker's family.....	104 25
" " " Daniel Cunningham's family.....	36 00
" " " Henry Moore's family.....	33 81
" " " Mary Hayward.....	90 24
" " " Olive Hayward.....	90 24
" " " George W. Brown....	33 85
" " " Hannah K. Thompson.....	11 00
" " " William A. Aldrich.....	26 10
" " " Elkanah Clark.....	6 54
" " " Edna Allen.....	52 43
" " " Joseph H. Wood.....	5 00
" " " Tramps.....	1 90
" " " John Lane and wife.....	77 79
Repairing house at Hayward farm.....	71 69
Peter Ford, funeral expenses of Michael Grady.....	15 00
L. Fairbanks, coffin for Nathan Streeter.....	8 00
L. Freeman, book for overseers, paper and postage....	2 20
L. Freeman, services as Overseer of Poor.....	28 00
Gilbert Gaskill, " ".....	6 00
Henry E. Staples " ".....	6 00
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	\$1199 85

Leaving a balance in hands of Overseers of..... \$51 10

From the whole amount paid for support of the poor. \$1199 85

Deduct what was due for the support of the paupers to March 6, 1882.....	\$107 25	
What has been paid out for Olive Hayward	90 24	
What has been paid on Hayward house....	71 69	
What has been received from other towns for support of paupers.....	82 49—	\$351 67
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		\$848 18
Add what is due by estimation for support of paupers to March 5, 1883		72 60
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Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending Mar. 5		\$920 78

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREEMAN,	}	Overseers of the Poor.
GILBERT GASKILL,		
HENRY E. STAPLES,		

Mendon, Feb. 21, 1883.

Auditors' Report.

MENDON, February 21, 1883.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, and Collector of taxes for the Town of Mendon, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched for.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,
ANDREW. W. JUDSON, } Auditors.
AUSTIN A. TAFT.

Town Clerk's Report.

TOWN OF MENDON TO DAVID ADAMS, DR.

For cash paid express on Massachusetts Reports and other public documents.....	\$	2	35	
For cash paid for postage paid on elections and other returns.....			51	
			<hr/>	\$2 86
Attending State Election and Clerk's Meeting in November.....	\$	4	00	
Recording, indexing and returning 14 births....		7	00	
“ “ “ “ 10 marriages		1	50	
“ “ “ “ 26 deaths...		4	60	
			<hr/>	\$17 10
Received for Dog Licenses during 1882 :—				
4 female dogs	\$	20	00	
49 male dogs.....	98	00	—	\$118 00
Less Clerk's fees.....			10	60
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Balance paid to the County Treasurer.....				\$107 40

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1882.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1882		
March 25.	Rosabel Kelley.....	Dennis and Sarah J. Kelley....
April 1.	Edward Lyman Cook	Alderman C. and Susan I. Cook.
" 14.	Clair Wood Freeman	Liberty and Harriet E. Freeman.
May 1.	Ernest M. Davenport	John L. and Myra S. Davenport.
" 3.	Carrie Beals.....	Rufus G. and Emma Beals.....
July 4.	Elvira Day Warner..	Wm. W. and Sarah K. Warner.
Aug. 15.	Charles C. Daniels..	Leon and Mary E. Daniels.....
" 21.	Florence Bennett...	Sam'l A. and Emily E. Bennett.
" 27.	Chester W. Carpenter	Leslie M. & Clara W. Carpenter.
Sept. 16.	Anna Byrne.....	John and Alice Byrne.....
Oct. 4.	Dora M. Freeman ..	Alanson and Dora Freeman....
" 14.	Annie E. Kingsley..	Edward E. and Ella G. Kinsley.
Dec. 8.	—— Macker.....	Charles W. and Anna M. Macker
" 25.	—— Bates.....	Erwin A. and Jennie Bates.....

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1882.

Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Residence at time of marriage.
January 1, 1882..	Collice Labrie.....	Northbridge, Mass.
" 25, " ..	Ellen J. Howard....	Uxbridge, "
" 25, " ..	Daniel W. Taft.....	Franklin, "
" 25, " ..	Amelia H. Shove....	Mendon, "
April 9, " ..	Daniel Thurber	Mendon, "
" 9, " ..	Adelia Ellis.....	Milford, "
June 1, " ..	Fred Henry Hatch...	Upton, "
" 1, " ..	Ada M. Gassett.....	Mendon, "
August 23, " ..	John C. Rawson.....	Uxbridge, "
" 23, " ..	Amy Paine Fowler...	Mendon, "
October 22, " ..	Daniel Johnson.....	Milford, "
" 22, " ..	Olive Ellen Barrows..	Mendon, "
Nov. 1, " ..	Edwin J. Whitney...	Worcester, "
" 1, " ..	Isabella M. Hayward.	Mendon, "
Nov. 18, " ..	Abram P. Scribner, jr	Mendon, "
" 18, " ..	Lucy C. Briggs.....	Mendon, "
Dec. 2, " ..	Cassius M. Aldrich..	Mendon, "
" 2, " ..	Mary H. Barry.....	Mendon, "
Dec. 29, " ..	Edwin A. Scriven...	Mendon, "
" 29, " ..	Susan Coombs.....	Lawrence, "

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1882.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH	RES. PLACE OF DEATH.
February 10, 1882..	Sumner Ballou.....	86 /	Pneumonia	Mendon,
" 27, "	Amanda M. Inman.....	60 $\frac{3}{4}$	Consumption.....	Uxbridge,
March 10, "	Elkanah Clark.....	58	Bright's Disease.....	Mendon,
" 19, "	Elizabeth Howe.....	76	Old Age.....	"
April 14, "	Samuel G. Wilcox.....	75	"	"
" 27, "	Frederick R. Kinsley.....	37	Accident Machine Shop.	"
May 17, "	James R. Lowery, Jr.....	1	Consumption.....	Milford
" 28, "	William H. Sherrin.....	33	Lockjaw.....	Mendon
" 31, "	Eliza Mowry	76	Old Age.....	"
June 21, "	Rosetta S. Judson.....	21	Typhoid Fever.....	"
July 9, "	Warren Ross.....	57	Erysipelas.....	"
" 24, "	Phila Brigham.....	95 $\frac{1}{4}$	Old Age.....	"
" 26, "	Cyrus C. Daniels.....	65 $\frac{1}{8}$	Suicide.....	"
August 5, "	Frank A. Brown.....	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Cholera Infantum.....	"
" 22, "	Francis J. O'Sullivan.....	42 $\frac{3}{8}$	Fever.....	"
" 27, "	George Rawson.....	73	Paralysis.....	"
September 2, "	George A. Macker.....	59 $\frac{3}{4}$	Dropsy.....	Uxbridge,
" 12, "	Charles A. Davenport.....	83	Old Age.....	Mendon,
October 6, "	Olney Cook.....	85	"	"
November 7, "	John B. Mellen.....	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	Paralysis.....	"
" 8, "	Winefred Broughney.....	79	"	"
" 12, "	Addison P. Thayer.....	48	"	"
" 12, "	Freeman Miles.....	84	Old Age.....	"
" 14, "	Edgar Wheeler.....	4	Rheumatic Fever.....	"
" 15, "	Silas Dudley.....	86	Old Age.....	"
" 29, "	Simon P. Bicknell.....	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"
December 12, "	Selwin Southwick.....	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	Consumption.....	"

MENDON, FEB. 15, 1883.

DAVID ADAMS, TOWN CLERK.

Second Annual Report of Trustees of Taft Public Library.

The Library is a useful and prosperous institution, as will more fully appear by the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer, to which your attention is called.

The Board of Trustees reorganized April 15, 1882. Pending the election of the new members and the organization of the Board for the year, the services of Miss Mary E. Dudley had been secured as librarian *pro tem*. The new Board immediately contracted with her to continue as librarian for the year, at a salary of \$50 per annum, that being the lowest sum for which they seemed likely to secure efficient service. They gladly avail themselves of this opportunity to state that Miss Dudley has performed the duties of her office in a manner highly satisfactory to them, and they believe equally so to all the patrons of the Library. They consider it fortunate for the town that the Board has been able to secure her services for the present year at the same salary. The committee for that purpose, Messrs. G. B. Williams and H. C. Adams, succeeded in providing all the additional shelf-room which the alcove devoted to the Library seemed to afford space for, which addition is not only sufficient for the present needs of the Library, but for any probable demand for some time to come, at an expense of only twenty-one dollars.

The Purchasing Committee has expended \$75.53 the past year in the purchase of new books, and hope their selection will be satisfactory to a majority of those who read them.

It will be seen by the report of the librarian, that the proportion of novels and stories to the more solid and instructive reading taken out, is greater during the past year than during the time the Library had previously been open. This is not gratifying, and the Trustees wish to call the attention of parents and those having charge of young persons patronizing the Library, to their obvious duty in this matter. Great advantages involve great responsibilities for their right use. While your Board would not indiscriminately condemn

the reading of all works of fiction, it is an undoubted fact that an unlimited indulgence in such reading not only tends to make more substantial and useful matter less attractive, but actually diminishes the capacity to comprehend and retain such, even when read with an earnest desire so to do.

Those having charge of young persons, can do much to direct their reading so that they may gain the greatest good from the use of the Library books, and we trust they will give this important matter their careful consideration.

The Trustees regret that they were unable to complete the arrangements they deemed necessary in regard to the fence around the grounds of the Record Repository, as contemplated by the generous gift of Mrs. S. E. Huston, until the party who had contracted to build the same had entered upon other and more profitable contracts, which he did not complete until too late in the season to erect the fence in a satisfactory manner. The material for the fence is now nearly prepared, and we are assured that it shall be erected as soon as the ground opens. The committee having the matter in charge, promise their best efforts to that end.

An appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the Library is now recommended. Besides the \$75 required to be expended in books, there will be books to be rebound, and some 20 volumes of periodicals, contributed by the Mendon Book Club, to be bound. Attention is called to the fact that these latter, costing only the expense of binding, are taken out more, in proportion to their number, than any other class of reading in the Library, except novels and stories, and that they furnish a high grade of light reading. The librarian's salary, also, will be to be paid, and there will be some small incidental expenses.

We record our gratitude to the donors for the gifts received during the year, and would bespeak for the Library the continued and liberal support of our fellow-citizens.

JULIUS A. GEORGE, Chairman,	} Trustees of Taft Public Library.
GEORGE F. CLARK, Secretary,	
SAMUEL H. TAFT, Treasurer,	

Mendon, Feb. 12, 1883.

Librarian's Report.

To the Trustees of the Taft Public Library:

I respectfully submit the following report:

The Library opened for the delivery of books, Feb. 18, 1882. The whole number of books borrowed up to February 1, 1883, (fifty weeks), was 6,246, namely: Agriculture, 131; Biography, 344; History, 338; Travel, 379; Education, 97; Poetry, 129; Miscellaneous, 172; Novels, 4,092; Periodicals, 564. Sixty-five and one-half per cent. of those taken were works of fiction. The average number borrowed each library day was a fraction less than 125.

The smallest number taken any day, was 90, and the largest number was 180.

The whole number of borrowers, as it now stands on the library book, is 406. According to the 7th rule, the books were called in for the annual examination on the first Saturday of February, and every book was returned at that time, with the exception of two.

One of these has been lost during the year, and the borrower has failed to make it good. The book was taken out on Lottie T. Cornwell's card No. 61. The number of the book was 356 N.

All fines for the detention of books beyond the specified time, have been promptly paid. These fines, with waste paper and cards sold, amount to \$12.43.

During the year, forty have taken out books to read in the library room.

The number of books purchased for the library was 76; 52 bound volumes and four pamphlets have been given to the library. Hon. W. W. Rice, 34 volumes, 2 pamphlets; Senator Hoar, 6 volumes; Julius A. George, 4 volumes; the State, 3 volumes; Robert C. Winthrop, 2 volumes; one volume each by Horace Adams, George W. Johnson and Henry Pierce; Department of the Interior, 2 pamphlets.

The whole number of bound books is now 1,600 more books that need rebinding. Five hundred books have been covered.

MARY E. DUDLEY, Librarian.

Mendon, February 5, 1883.

Treasurer's Report.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library, respectfully submits the following report for the year ending February 5, 1883:

The Treasurer charges himself with the following sums:

Balance from last year's account.....	\$ 7 25
Drawn on two orders of Selectmen.....	150 00
Received from Librarian, for fines collected, cards and paper sold.....	12 43
	\$169 68

He credits himself by paying the following sums:

Cash paid Chapman & Winn, two book cases.....	\$21 00
“ G. B. Williams, expenses to Boston.....	2 30
“ J. A. George, expenses to Boston.....	2 00
“ Putnam & Davis, book	3 00
“ J. H. Putnam, History of Milford.....	4 50
“ Cook & Sons, printing.....	2 00
“ Wm. B. Clark & Carruth, 3 bills for books.	67 19
“ Mary E. Dudley for books and expenses....	3 10
“ G. B. Williams for book.....	84
“ Mary E. Dudley, as librarian for one year..	50 00
	\$155 93

Leaving a balance in my hands due the Trustees of.... \$13 75

SAMUEL H. TAFT.

Examined, found correct and properly vouched for.

G. B. WILLIAMS,	}	Auditors.
H. C. ADAMS,		

TOWN WARRANT.

WORCESTER, ss.—To the Constable of the Town of Mendon, in the
County of Worcester, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Mendon, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, in said Mendon, on MONDAY, the fifth day of March, next, punctually, at ten o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges in said town the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see if the town will require the school committee annually to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same.

ART. 8. To see what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to continue the High School.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year commencing March 5th, 1883, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

ART. 11. To see what measures, if any, by borrowing money or otherwise, the town will take for the redemption of town bonds maturing during the municipal year commencing March 5th, 1883.

ART. 12. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 13. "To see if the town will vote to have the Hall

opened later than twelve o'clock, and to act on other matters relating to the same."

ART. 14. To see if the town will pay Henry A. Aldrich's claims on account of scholars of the several schools using his property, and their injuries to the same, or act in any way on said claims.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the sale of any trees standing on its land.

ART. 16. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will authorize the Selectmen to expend yearly for the purpose of suppressing gambling, liquor selling, and other unlawful acts within the town limits.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize those in charge of the sale of the "Annals of Mendon" to turn over to the Taft Public Library books received, or that may be received, in exchange for copies of the "Annals," or otherwise act in relation to the disposal of such books, or of copies of the "Annals" on hand.

ART. 18. To see whether the town will accept the bequest "to the town of Mendon in trust," contained in the last will of Olney Cook, deceased, or act in any way in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the town will instruct the school committee to build a wood-house for the use of public school No. 6.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting—at the post-office, and on the door of the school-house in Albeeville, and at the post office at South Milford.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen and Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this twenty first day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	
	} of
	} Mendon.

A true copy.—Attest :

Constable of Mendon.

